

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to a first action, please amend the above-identified application by canceling claims 1-29 and entering for examination new claims 30-38.

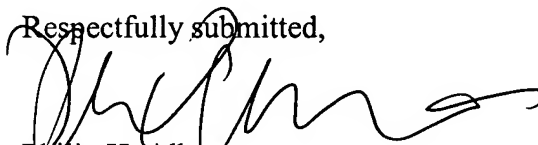
Fig. 2 in the parent application was updated to show reference letters A-F.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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